

**WORCESTER COUNTY, MA**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	984	997	1,191
Acreage	103,400	114,805	134,689
Average size (acres)	105	115	113
Median size (acres)	58	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	377,579	403,851	443,586
Machinery/equip (dollars)	38,750	31,386	31,010
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	44,047	48,642	61,802
Harvested	33,232	35,274	42,309
Irrigated	1,276	724	838
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	57,949	49,636	54,309
(dollars avg. per farm)	58,891	49,785	45,599
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	13,984	6,979	8,251
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	12,776	15,729	19,342
Beef cows	1,472	1,477	2,497
Milk cows	5,704	7,289	8,933
Hogs and pigs	3,483	3,397	7,350
Sheep and lambs	1,649	1,898	3,020
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	D	1,014,621
Broilers and chicken (sold)	821	1,465	D
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	127	226	593
Corn, silage or green chop	4,381	5,415	6,623
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	N	N	N
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	N	N	N
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	9	16	13
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	24,286	25,848	30,440
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	139	161	151
Acreage	2,092	1,880	2,026

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<b>Orchards</b>			
Number of farms	114	133	147
Acreage	2,838	3,086	3,443

**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture